

(b) whether the Director of Industries has visited that institution during the period?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state the quality of paper manufactured in the Mills?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) 200 reams of brown casing paper and 240 reams of Badami paper were purchased in 1101. 800 reams of brown casing paper were purchased in 1102. No paper was purchased in 1103.

(b) Yes.

(2) The Government have no information on the point and they do not propose to enquire as they understand the Mills have stopped manufacture.

Changanachery-Alleppey Canal.

19. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for the completion of the Changanachery-Alleppey canal;

(b) the amount spent up to date (7-9-1928);

(c) whether they have cut open the first, second and third sections of the canal; and

(d) if they have not done so, the reason for not doing this so far?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) A sum of Rs. 13,000 has been provided for the work in the Budget for 1104.

(b) Rs. 4,234.

(c) The first two sections have alone been excavated.

(d) The cutting of the third section is under the consideration of the Government.

Tariff rates of Copra and Coconut Oil.

20. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the present tariff rates of copra and coconut oil.

(b) when they were fixed; and

(c) whether they propose to revise the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Copra—Bh. Rs. 18 per cwt. Coconut oil—Bh. Rs. 15 per cwt.

(b) In 1102.

(c) The question is being considered.

Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha Road.

21. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the construction of the Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road up to date (7-9-1928); and

(b) the amount to be spent on this road during the current year (1104)?

• **MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 9,654 has been incurred in the two sections of the road from Podiyadi to Neerettupuram and from Neerettupuram to Edatva.

(b) About Rs. 9,600.

P. W. D. Workshop.

22. **MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the P. W. D. Workshop was established; and

(b) whether they profited in any way by the establishment of this Workshop?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The present Workshop, as it now exists, was established in 1087.

(b) Yes.

Abolition of the P. W. Workshop.

23. **MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): If it has not been in any way profitable to the Government or beneficial to the people till now, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of the abolition of the P. W. D. Workshop at the earliest opportunity?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government do not agree with the member in his presumption that the P. W. D. Workshop is neither profitable to the Government nor beneficial to the people. The question of its abolition does not therefore arise.

Land Mortgage Bank.

24. **MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have considered the need for providing the ryots of Travancore with capital so as to enable them to undertake effective agricultural measures after redeeming them from their liabilities which have affected them and which have greatly retarded agricultural development;

(b) whether the people have not been urging the Government for a very long time to take the initiative and open a Land Mortgage Bank with the above object in view; and

(c) whether the opinions and prayers expressed and made in the matter by the representatives of the people, both in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, have not come under their notice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a), (b) and (c) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

Admission of In-patients in the General Hospital.

25. **MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that only such patients as are ailing from serious diseases are admitted as in-patients in the General Hospital?